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JUST FOR THE TASTE OF IT -- As long as a gallon of Coca-Cola costs more than a gallon of gasoline, there is no energy crisis in the United States, according to a University of Dayton professor. But Henry Chuang, professor of mechanical engineering, says the fact that soft drinks are more expensive than gasoline indicates that our priorities are misplaced. "It's a matter of necessity versus luxury," says Chuang, who advocates a "multivitamin approach" to energy consumption--using a variety of energy sources rather than depending on one exclusively. For example, corn-based gasoline additives "can help us cut gas consumption by 5 percent," says Chuang, who directs the Ohio Energy Analysis and Diagnostic Center.

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VIETNAM: A LITERARY LOOK -- Literature and film about the Vietnam War offer students a way to grapple with some of the moral and ethical dilemmas of that conflict. That's the theory, at least, in Stephen Wilhoit's "Vietnam War Literature" course at the University of Dayton. Themes of disillusionment, the loss of innocence, and a sense of abandonment by the government and by people back home characterize literature about the war, says Wilhoit, assistant professor of English. He hopes that his students learn not only to read and think more critically about literature and politics but also gain a better understanding of the Vietnam experience.

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OUT OF THIS WORLD -- To give science fiction lovers access to many novels, short stories and essays published in recent decades--some of which are now out of print--the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA) has established 10 depositories throughout the United States. One of them is housed in the archives of the University of Dayton's Roesch Library. The collection of more than 1,300 books contains science fiction, fantasy, horror fiction, and other genres published since SFWA was founded in 1965, says English professor Joseph Patrouch. Although the books cannot be checked out, library patrons can take a look at them in the archives' reading room.

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